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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DECLARATION REFERRED TO IN REFTEL:

1. "DECLARATION OF THE ISLAMIC HIGHER COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM.

"IN THE NAME OF GOD THE MERCIFUL AND COMPASSIONATE.

"AT A TIME WHEN THE WORLD'S GOVERNMENTS, INSTITUTIONS
AND ORGANIZATIONS ALL TALK ABOUT PEACE IN THIS AREA.

"AT A TIME WHEN OFFICIALS OF THE UN AND STATES OF
THE WORLD VISIT OUR AREA AND SPEAK OF A JUST PEACE
AND OFFICIALS FROM OUR AREA TRAVEL TO AMERICAN AT
THE INVITATION OF ITS PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION
OF A JUST PEACE.

"AT A TIME WHEN THE OFFICIALS OF ISRAEL ITSELF

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TALK OF PEACE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE,
CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS, AT THIS VERY TIME WHEN
THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL DECLARES ON THE
EVE OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, ON A MISSION
ASSUMED TO BE IN QUEST OF PEACE, THAT THE JEWS HAVE
THE RIGHT TO SETTLE IN ANY PART OF WHAT HE CALLS
'THE LAND OF ISRAEL.'

"WHAT IS THIS PEACE WHICH THEIR PRIME MINISTER, THE HIGHEST OFFICIAL IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL, IS CALLING FOR?

"WHAT IS THIS PEACE WHEN A CAMPAIGN OF SETTLEMENT APPROPRIATE ALL OF THE ARAB LAND IN THE OCCUPIED AREA OF RAFAH, KHAN AHMAR, KFAR KADDUM, IN MESHAA' AND IN ANY PLACE THAT PLEASES THEIR EYES?

"WHAT IS THIS PEACE, WHEN EVERY DOOR IS OPEN TO EACH JEWISH IMMIGRANT TO COME TO A NEW HOUSE AND FIND ALL OF THE CONVENIENCES OF LIFE PROVIDED.

IN A HOUSE WHICH IS BUILT ON ARAB LAND EXPROPRIATED FROM ITS OWNER OR AN ARAB HOUSE SEIZED FROM ITS OWNER WHO IS FORBIDDEN TO RETURN TO IT.

"WHAT KIND OF PEACE IS THIS WHEN ISRAELI POLITICAL PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR ELECTION CAMPAIGN CALL FOR THE SEIZURE OF ARAB LANDS AND SAY THEY WILL NOT WITDRAW ONE INCH OR RETURN TO THIER FORMER BORDERS?

"WHAT IS THE LOGIC IN THIS CALL FOR PEACE?

"WHAT IS THIS PEACE WHEN ISLAMIC ARAB REAL ESTATE RELIGIOUS TRUST (AWQAF) OR SECULAR WITHIN THE SACRED CITY WALLS IS DESTROYED IN ORDER TO BUILD APARTMENTS FOR JEWS IN PLACE OF THE ARAB OWNERS WHOSE PROPERTY HAS BEEN DESTROYED ONE AFTER THE OTHER. CIVILIZATION VANISHES, HISTORY IS OBLITERATED.

"WHAT IS THIS PEACE WHEN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE KNESSET RESOLVES THAT THE GAZA STRIP SHALL BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL?

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"WHAT IS THIS PEACE WHEN ISRAEL'S SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES PUBLICLY THAT THERE SHALL BE NO WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WEST BANK AND THAT THE EASTERN BORDER OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS THE JORDAN RIVER?

"WHAT IS THIS PEACE WHEN THE HARAM AL IBRAHIMI, A MOSLEM MOSQUE FOR OVER FOURTEEN CENTURIES, IS CONVERTED INTO A SYNAGOGUE AND PART OF IT INTO AN ARMY BARRACKS AND FREE MOSLEM WORSHIP FORBIDDEN THEREIN WHILE THE NOOSE IS DRAWN TIGHT AROUND THE NECKS OF WORHSIPPERS AND THEY ARE ANTAGONIZED BY JEWISH SETTLERS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ISRAELI SOLDIERS STATIONED THERE PERMANENTLY TO PROTECT THEM?

WHAT IS THIS PEACE WHEN HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS ARE EXPOSED TO VARIOUS FORMS OF VIOLENCE AND DEATH AS A RESULT OF THEIR HUNGER STRIKES BY WHICH THEY PROTEST THEIR MISTREATMENT?

"NO ONE LISTENS TO THEIR COMPLAINTS AND
APPEALS AND THE PROTESTS OF THEIR FAMILIES
AS WELL AS THOSE OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS DEMANDING
AN IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR CONDITIONS AND HUMANE
TREATMENT ACCORDING TO RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL STATUTES.

"THE ISLAMIC HIGHER COUNCIL CALLS FOR PEACE
AND AN END TO TYRANNY AND IMPLORES CONSCIENTIOUS
MEN OF THE WORLD AND THE UN AND THE COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ALL LOVERS AND SEEKERS OF
PEACE IN THE WORLD TO WORK FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF A JUST PEACE IN THIS AREA, TO RETURN RIGHTS
TO THEIR OWNERS AND AN END TO OPPRESSION.
WITHOUT THIS, THE TRAGEDY WILL CONTINUE AND THE
PROBLEMS WILL BECOME INCREASINLY
COMPLICATED. NO RIGHT WILL BE LOST WHILE ITS
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OWNERS ARE SEEKING IT AND THERE IS NO
DOUBT THAT LIGHT WILL FOLLOW THIS DARKNESS.

"THERE IS NO POWER NOR STRENGTH BUT BY
GOD. GOD IS OUR WITNESS: WE HAVE MADE IT
KNOWN TO ALL."

"SIGNED: THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM."
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